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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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The Office action indicates that claims 1-15 are subject to a restriction or election requirement. As indicated on Page 2 of the Office action, it is alleged that the application contains three distinct inventions:

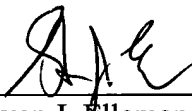
- Group I - Claims 1-10, drawn to a feed grip having a plurality of teeth and a pair of annulus;
- Group II - Claims 11, drawn to a food slicer having a carriage and feed grip; and
- Group III - Claims 12-15, drawn to a feed grip having recessed gripping plate and overmold layer.

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The applicant elects to prosecute the first group (Group I) without traverse. The claims readable thereon are claims 1-10.

In the event that the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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